

Surveillance Act: The Role of Checks and Balances in Protecting Americans' Privacy Rights. Testimony was heard from former Representative Bob Barr of Georgia; and public witnesses.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 11–1, an open rule with a preprinting requirement. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2786, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill.

The rule provides that any amendment to the bill must be preprinted in the Congressional Record. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. The rule tables H. Res. 595, H. Res. 596, H. Res. 613, and H. Res. 614. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representative Pearce.

VOTER CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Brady and Representatives Lofgren, Holt, Ehlers, Conaway, and Fortuño, but action was deferred on H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007.

LIQUID FUEL FROM COAL BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Benefits and Challenges of Producing Liquid Fuel from Coal: The Role for Federal Research. Testimony was heard from Richard D. Boardman, the Secure Energy Initiative Head, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Joseph Romm, former Acting Assistant Secretary, Center for Energy and Climate Solutions, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Structurally Deficient Bridges in the United States. Testimony was heard from Represent-

ative Ellison; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Mary E. Peters, Secretary; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; from the following officials of the State of Minnesota: R.T. Rybak, Mayor, Minneapolis; and Robert J. McFarlin, Assistant to the Commissioner, Policy and Public Affairs, Department of Transportation; Kathleen Novak, Mayor, Northglenn, Colorado; Kirk T. Steudle, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Michigan; Malcolm T. Kerley, Chief Engineer, Department of Transportation, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine a report on the findings of the Iraqi Security Forces Independent Assessment Commission, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing to examine issues relating to the treatment of detainees, 5 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the potential human health, water quality, and other impacts of the confined animal feeding operation industry, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to continue hearings to examine carried interest (Part III), focusing on pension issues, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine a Department of Homeland Security status report, focusing on assessing challenges and measuring progress, 1:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, S. 1845, to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, S. 772, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage

and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, S. Res. 282, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families, S. Res. 134, designating September 2007 as “Adopt a School Library Month”, S. Res. 288, designating September 2007 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”, S. Res. 292, designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as “National Assisted Living Week”, S. Res. 301, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement, and the nominations of Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Michael David Credo, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the report of the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing on H.R. 3355, Homeowners’ Defense Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Armed Services, joint hearing on Beyond the September Report: What’s Next for Iraq? 9 a.m., 345 Cannon.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Turning Spy Satellites on the Homeland: the Privacy and Civil Liberties Implications of the National Applications Office,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on American Workers in Crisis: Does the Chapter 11 Business Bankruptcy Law Treat Employees and Retirees Fairly? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, to mark up H.R. 2826, To amend titles 28 and 10, United States Code, to restore habeas corpus for individuals detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Implementation of the “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-277) and Additional Legislative Efforts Aimed at Expanding the Authority to Carry Concealed Firearms, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on H.R. 1645, Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1464, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; H.R. 1771, Crane Conservation Act of 2007; and H.R. 1913, Great Cats Conservation Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA’s Astronaut Health Care System—Results of an Independent Review, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the Small Business Administration’s Investment and Surety Bond Programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Veterans Preference, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Fair and Equitable Tax Policy for America’s Working Families, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive hearing on Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “The Future of Coal Under Carbon Capture and Storage,” 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.